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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Prosecution Application is being filed herewith. Entry of the following amendment is requested prior to a substantive examination of the subject application.

A check in the amount of \$1520.00 is enclosed for submission of filing fees in connection with the Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.16(a) (\$740.00) and additional claims under 37 CFR 1.16 (b) and (c) (\$780.00). However, in the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Beginning on the following page is a clean version of all pending claims 40-69 for the subject Continued Prosecution Application.